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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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This is in response to your question "Is this being done with the needs of the Strategic Defense Initiative in mind, too?"

We believe that the work done by the Laboratory in learning how to use massively parallel architectures on cryptologic and related defense problems will be applicable to some of the very demanding Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) computational problems.

The Laboratory is set up to address basic problems that arise in the use of highly parallel supercomputers on critical national security problems. We need to begin with well-defined problems that have the potential for concurrent processing. The cryptologic problems are well-defined critical problems with a rich intrinsic parallel structure. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) parallel processing research results will be used as the starting point for these problems.

As the SDI computational problems are formulated they can become part of the critical Defense problems the Laboratory is working on. We expect that the results of the Laboratory will eventually have wide application in Defense and this secure facility will control the technology transfer of these critical applications.

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